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TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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SUBJECT: CAR EMBASSY DEBTS

1. CAR EMBASSY WASHINGTON OWES C&P TELEPHONE COMPANY APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 1500 ON BILL DATING BACK TO JANUARY. TELEPHONE COMPANY SHUT OFF SERVICE LAST WEEK BUT AFTER DEPARTMENT INTERVENED(AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST) TELEPHONE COMPANY AGREED TO RESTORE SERVICE IF CAR EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC DATE FOR MAKING PAYMENT.
 2. CAR EMBASSY DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE PAYMENT ON DATE PROMISED, ALTHOUGH COUNTRY OFFICER HAD BEEN SHOWN FOREIGN MINISTRY CABLE OF JULY 5 WHICH HAD STATED MONEY WAS BEING SENT. TELEPHONE COMPANY IS AGAIN DEMANDING PAYMENT AND INTENDS TO INTERRUPT SERVICE AGAIN UNTIL DEBT IS PAID.
 3. CAR CHARGE ACKNOWLEDGES DEBT, WOULD LIKE TO SETTLE IT, AND IS UPSET A PROSPECT OF HAVING TELEPHONE SERVICE SHUT OFF. HE HAS TOLD US THAT IF AND WHEN TELEPHONE SERVICE IS SHUT OFF AGAIN HE INTENDS TO CLOSE EMBASSY AND INFORM GOCAR THAT EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT NORMAL BUSINESS.
 4. ACTION THREATENED BY CHARGE IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO SPUR GOCAR INTO SENDING NECESSARY FUNDS. HOWEVER, IT POSSIBLE THAT GOCAR MAY NOT RPT NOT MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN C&P TELEPHONE COMPANY AND USG AND THEREFORE REACT ADVERSELY TOWARD USG RATHER THAN SIMPLY FACILITATING PAYMENT. DEPT.
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APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INDUCE GOCAR

ACTION ON DEBTS PROBLEM AND REQUESTS THAT AT YOUR DIS -
CRETION YOU SEEK APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO RAISE THIS MATTER
AS WELL. KISSINGER

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